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Important Monthly Indicators

INDUSTRIALS	May 1952	May 1951	Apr. 1952
Anthracite Production (net tons).....	3,203	3,502	3,187
Bituminous Coal Prod. (net tons).....	10,755	43,162	39,095
Cementation Contracts (\$1,000).....	2,722,981	1,591,187	2,722,981
Copper Production (net tons).....	97,393	113,373	98,400
Copper Deliveries (net tons).....	105,362	110,113	107,355
Newspaper Production (net tons).....	599,472	582,411	599,472
Newspaper Shipments (net tons).....	596,051	580,310	595,008
Rayon Tare Deliveries (pounds).....	66,700	81,900	57,400
Steel Tare Production (net tons).....	8,261	9,100	7,991
Steel Production (net tons).....	78,188	81,000	78,188
Zinc Shipments (net tons).....	74,585	72,567	85,592
Apr. 1952	Apr. 1951	Mar. 1952	
Industrial Production (1935=100).....	216.0	223.0	220.0
Mfg. Employment (1935=100).....	102.0	105.3	103.4
Mfg. Payrolls (1935=100).....	128.4	129.5	131.2
Cement Production (barrels).....	19,817	20,184	19,095
Cement Shipments (barrels).....	21,760	20,591	19,991
Cigarette Production (units).....	72,255	29,600	29,878
Coke Production (net tons).....	5,809	6,471	6,740
Cotton Consumption (barrels).....	84,748	985,227	736,335
Electricity Production (kilowatt-hours).....	36,730	14,431	38,388
Lead Production (net tons).....	39,329	44,362	48,943
Lead Shipments (net tons).....	39,225	42,033	39,161
Motor Vehicles, Factory Sales U.S.	529,385	636,972	482,973
Pig Iron Production (net tons).....	5,225	5,388	6,300
Rubber Consumption (pounds).....	104,887	95,295	104,991
Tires - Production (units).....	7,189	7,189	7,189
Tires - Shipments (units).....	6,967	6,233	5,134
Mar. 1952	Mar. 1951	Feb. 1952	
Gasoline Production (barrels).....	99,093	91,134	93,178
Petroleum Production (barrels).....	198,028	197,654	198,028
Petroleum Consumption (barrels).....	205,425	193,524	200,235
Rail Consumption (pounds).....	40,200	38,500	38,500

FINANCIAL	May 1952	May 1951	Apr. 1952
Bank Deposits, Total U.S. (\$1,000).....	121,433	116,572	124,664
Bank Deposits, N.Y. (\$1,000).....	49,510	45,175	52,057
Bank Deposits, Outside N.Y. (\$1,000).....	71,923	71,397	72,607
Bank Sales N.Y. to Stock Ex. (\$1,000).....	59,323	57,914	61,264
Bank Sales N.Y. to Corp. Ex. (\$1,000).....	3,060	2,550	3,750
Bank Sales Municipal (\$1,000).....	390,304	431,951	390,304
Fire Annuity (\$1,000).....	56,258	58,744	61,380
Life Insurance Sales (\$1,000).....	2,803,020	2,084,000	2,571,000
Stock Sales N.Y. to Stock Ex. (\$1,000).....	21,580	38,457	39,963
Stock Sales N.Y. to Corp. Ex. (\$1,000).....	7,380	8,660	14,450
Apr. 1952	Apr. 1951	Mar. 1952	
Merchandise Exports U.S. (\$1,000).....	4,310,400	1,370,300	1,417,700
Merchandise Imports U.S. (\$1,000).....	911,800	1,013,000	953,300
Railway Earnings, Gross (\$1,000).....	847,478	851,553	871,871
Railway Earnings, Net Op. Inc. (\$1,000).....	70,395	70,395	70,395
Sales - Retail (\$1,000).....	12,704	11,692	12,134
Sales - Wholesale (\$1,000).....	8,100	8,608	8,100
Sales - Manufacturing (\$1,000).....	22,678	21,851	25,949
Inventories - Retail (\$1,000).....	16,043	20,837	19,064
Inventories - Wholesale (\$1,000).....	10,167	10,167	9,958
Inventories - Manufacturing (\$1,000).....	42,742	37,054	42,742
(1) 100,000 Delivered. (2) 100,000 Delivered.			

Summary of Bank Clearings—Monthly—1949 to Date

(Millions of Dollars)

Total 25 United States Cities	1952	1951	1950	1949
January.....	75,540	77,200	59,964	58,314
February.....	66,971	61,086	52,616	50,335
March.....	75,410	70,725	61,918	60,799
April.....	74,100	69,486	58,283	54,166
May.....	70,656	65,000	61,357	55,185
June.....	66,935	64,394	59,506	56,008
July.....	66,204	60,195	54,003	51,000
August.....	66,762	60,800	55,060	52,000
September.....	64,192	60,411	55,180	52,000
October.....	74,340	69,999	56,054	53,000
November.....	69,108	66,678	55,531	52,000
December.....	76,258	71,621	63,705	60,000
Total.....	840,519	761,965	678,832	640,000

Summary of Industrial and Commercial Failures—Monthly—1949 to Date

Current Liabilities: 1000 Default

1952	1951	1950	1949
January.....	671	775	824
February.....	619	500	511
March.....	715	732	844
April.....	780	661	806
May.....	628	725	775
June.....	600	725	828
July.....	605	694	719
August.....	587	680	810
September.....	620	715	846
October.....	643	707	832
November.....	587	683	835
December.....	612	676	770
Total.....	8,058	9,162	9,246

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—May 1952 and 1951

(Thousands of Dollars)

	May 1952	May 1951	% Change	Apr. 1952
Boston.....	2,300,690	2,186,691	+ 5.2	2,442,966
Philadelphia.....	4,352,000	4,789,000	- 9.8	4,730,000
Buffalo.....	886,990	836,479	+ 6.0	863,110
Pittsburgh.....	1,561,522	1,526,013	+ 2.3	1,578,000
Cleveland.....	1,779,446	1,807,614	- 1.6	1,814,004
Cincinnati.....	898,851	908,613	- 1.1	911,776
Baltimore.....	1,189,543	1,199,378	- 0.8	1,170,000
Albany.....	569,843	613,207	- 6.9	656,882
New Orleans.....	1,111,900	1,235,000	- 10.0	1,284,000
New York.....	650,792	614,255	+ 5.9	664,411
Memphis.....	414,670	451,987	- 8.3	440,817
Chicago.....	3,797,122	3,996,171	- 5.0	3,874,857
San Francisco.....	2,498,951	2,438,718	+ 2.5	2,432,936
St. Louis.....	1,249,217	1,229,201	+ 1.6	1,269,106
Los Angeles.....	635,153	561,955	+ 12.7	601,559
San Antonio.....	1,270,455	1,270,455	0.0	1,195,241
Kansas City.....	1,440,797	1,451,143	- 0.7	1,451,947
Omaha.....	620,730	630,473	- 1.6	591,693
Dayton.....	547,105	547,105	0.0	574,103
Dallas.....	1,359,179	1,092,888	+ 23.5	1,450,191
Houston.....	1,268,240	1,011,214	+ 25.2	1,278,001
San Francisco.....	2,041,774	2,041,440	+ 0.0	2,328,899
Portland, Ore.....	672,199	672,199	0.0	713,122
Seattle.....	880,282	687,530	+ 27.5	877,657
Total 24 Cities.....	33,546,791	34,004,596	- 1.3	34,216,959
New York.....	32,105,981	35,014,690	- 8.0	35,249,899
Total 25 Cities.....	70,652,774	69,019,286	+ 2.4	74,516,828

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—5 Months 1952 and 1951

(Thousands of Dollars)

	5 Months 1952	5 Months 1951	% Change	5 Months 1950
Boston.....	11,864,259	12,277,733	- 3.3	9,862,434
Philadelphia.....	22,240,000	23,552,000	- 5.6	19,976,000
Buffalo.....	2,311,291	2,288,118	+ 1.0	1,771,685
Pittsburgh.....	8,190,491	8,012,084	+ 2.2	8,095,327
Cleveland.....	9,044,251	9,045,100	- 0.0	9,416,768
Cincinnati.....	4,615,273	4,712,190	- 2.1	4,719,208
Baltimore.....	5,778,869	5,849,909	- 1.2	5,648,450
Albany.....	3,340,840	3,618,064	- 7.5	3,264,310
Atlanta.....	6,001,500	6,000,900	+ 0.0	5,002,900
New Orleans.....	3,309,791	3,038,676	+ 8.9	2,604,919
New York.....	2,311,524	2,328,174	- 0.7	1,951,914
Chicago.....	18,400,947	18,155,416	+ 1.3	17,302,888
San Francisco.....	11,161,477	11,072,369	+ 0.8	8,379,183
Los Angeles.....	6,430,500	6,465,457	- 0.5	6,726,212
San Antonio.....	3,244,008	3,244,008	0.0	2,600,600
Memphis.....	2,161,125	2,165,142	- 0.2	2,043,883
Kansas City.....	7,457,230	7,338,997	+ 1.6	6,065,770
Omaha.....	3,135,102	3,135,102	0.0	2,884,316
Dayton.....	2,801,208	2,844,477	- 1.5	2,421,342
Dallas.....	7,041,554	6,736,725	+ 4.5	5,487,931
Houston.....	5,908,551	5,908,551	0.0	4,462,417
San Francisco.....	11,011,967	11,036,126	- 0.2	10,460,680
Portland, Ore.....	3,426,099	3,426,099	0.0	3,091,618
Seattle.....	3,401,213	3,426,099	- 0.7	2,400,600
Total 24 Cities.....	171,069,240	170,732,710	+ 0.2	177,261,155
New York.....	169,878,201	187,785,546	- 9.5	165,956,775
Total 25 Cities.....	340,947,441	358,518,256	- 5.0	343,217,930

United States Wholesale Commodity Price Index

Bureau of Labor Statistics

United States Department of Labor

Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices (Revised 1947-49=100)

Group	May 1952	Apr. 1952	Mar. 1952	May 1951
ALL COMMODITIES.....	111.0	111.8	112.3	115.9
Farm Products.....	108.1	108.7	108.2	115.7
Processed Foods.....	101.6	108.0	109.2	112.3
All Commodities Other Than Farm Products and Foods.....	113.0	113.3	113.6	116.8
Textile Products and Apparel.....	99.4	99.9	100.0	114.8
Hides, Skins & Leather Products.....	94.5	94.1	98.0	126.0
Fuel, Power & Lighting Materials.....	100.5	100.3	101.4	106.2
Chemicals and Allied Products.....	104.0	104.8	105.4	111.3
Metals and Metal Products.....	121.8	120.5	120.6	123.0
Machinery and Motive Products.....	121.6	121.0	121.8	118.0
Furniture, Other Household Durables, Non-Metallic Minerals - Structural.....	111.4	112.1	111.9	115.3
Rubber & Products.....	112.8	112.8	112.9	113.0
Lumber and Wood Products.....	140.4	140.0	142.0	151.3
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products.....	120.0	120.9	120.5	120.1
Tobacco Mixes.....	117.1	117.4	117.7	118.8
Tobacco Mixes.....	110.8	110.9	110.8	108.4
Miscellaneous.....	108.5	109.5	109.2	103.0

United States Consumers' Price Index (Cost of Living)

Bureau of Labor Statistics

United States Department of Labor

Consumers' Price Index 1935-39=100

Group	Apr. 1952	Mar. 1952	Feb. 1952	Apr. 1951
ALL ITEMS.....	189.7	188.0	187.9	184.6
Apparel.....	202.7	203.5	204.3	203.6
Food.....	230.0	227.6	227.5	225.7
Cereal and Bakery Products.....	191.4	191.2	190.9	188.3
Dairy Products.....	212.6	215.7	217.0	204.1
Fruits and Vegetables.....	247.2	232.1	223.5	214.8
Meats, Poultry and Fish.....	266.7	267.7	271.1	275.6
Fuel, S. Electricity & Refrigeration.....	145.3	145.3	145.3	144.0
Gas & Electricity.....	98.0	97.9	97.9	96.9
Other Fuels.....	206.1	206.8	206.7	205.0
Housing.....	206.2	207.6	208.6	211.8
Rent.....	140.8	140.5	140.2	135.1
Miscellaneous.....	171.1	170.7	170.2	164.6

Dun & Bradstreet Wholesale Food Price Index—1950 to Date

	1952	1951	1950
Jan. 1.....	\$0.64	\$0.93	\$0.78
Jan. 8.....	0.61	0.92	0.76
Jan. 15.....	0.57	0.94	0.74
Jan. 22.....	0.60	0.98	0.78
Jan. 29.....	0.61	0.97	0.77
Feb. 5.....	0.61	0.97	0.77
Feb. 12.....	0.57	0.95	0.75
Feb. 19.....	0.60	0.97	0.77
Feb. 26.....	0.58	0.95	0.75
Mar. 5.....	0.56	0.92	0.72
Mar. 12.....	0.58	0.97	0.77
Mar. 19.....	0.54	0.97	0.77
Mar. 26.....	0.48	0.97	0.77
Apr. 2.....	0.40	0.97	0.77
Apr. 9.....	0.37	0.97	0.77
Apr. 16.....	0.37	0.97	0.77
Apr. 23.....	0.38	0.97	0.77
Apr. 30.....	0.38	0.97	0.77
May 7.....	0.38	0.97	0.77
May 14.....	0.38	0.97	0.77
May 21.....	0.48	0.97	0.77
May 28.....	0.45	0.97	0.77
June 4.....	0.43	0.97	0.77
June 11.....	0.45	0.97	0.77
June 18.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
June 25.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
July 2.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
July 9.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
July 16.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
July 23.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
July 30.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
Aug. 6.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
Aug. 13.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
Aug. 20.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
Aug. 27.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
Sept. 3.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
Sept. 10.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
Sept. 17.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
Sept. 24.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
Sept. 30.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
Oct. 7.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
Oct. 14.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
Oct. 21.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
Oct. 28.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
Nov. 4.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
Nov. 11.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
Nov. 18.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
Nov. 25.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
Dec. 2.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
Dec. 9.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
Dec. 16.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
Dec. 23.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
Dec. 30.....	0.41	0.97	0.77
Average.....	\$0.97	\$0.97	\$0.97

Note: The Wholesale Food Price Index represents the sum total of the price per pound of 31 foodstuffs in general use.

Daily Wholesale Price Index of 30 Basic Commodities

Compiled by Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., from wholesale quotations furnished by the United Press Associations. (1930-1932=100)

United States and Foreign Wholesale Price Index Numbers

	Apr. 1952	Mar. 1952	Feb. 1952	Jan. 1952	Apr. 1951
U. S. (B. L. S.) 1947-49.....	111.9	112.3	112.5	113.0	116.3
Canada.....	226.9	220.8	232.6	236.8	242.4
Australia.....	256.0	254.0	255.0	257.0	257.0
Denmark.....	146.0	148.0	150.0	151.0	146.0
Finland.....	167.0	170.0	170.0	176.0	159.0
France.....	147.0	149.0	152.0	152.0	140.0
India.....	103.0	103.0	113.0	117.0	125.0
Norway.....	149.0	149.0	150.0	150.0	139.0
Philippines.....	73.0	73.0	76.0	74.0	89.0
Switzerland.....	102.0	103.0	104.0	105.0	106.0
U. S. (B. L. S.) 1948.....	150.0	152.0	150.0	153.0	145.0
Mar. 1952.....	178.0	176.0	171.0	173.0	161.0
Belgium.....	117.0	121.0	123.0	123.0	123.0
Brazil.....	108.0	109.0	105.0	106.0	104.0
Chile.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Costa Rica.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Dominican Rep.....	93.0	93.0	93.0	94.0	87.0
Germany.....	123.0	123.0	124.0	124.0	118.0
Greece.....	155.0	156.0	154.0	154.0	148.0
Guatemala.....	109.0	109.0	109.0	111.0	112.0
Haiti.....	98.0	99.0	99.0	100.0	105.0
Japan.....	276.0	279.0	279.0	278.0	261.0
Mexico.....	153.0	154.0	155.0	154.0	144.0
Morocco (Fr.).....	146.0	147.0	145.0	145.0	134.0
Netherlands.....	141.0	145.0	145.0	145.0	144.0
Peru.....	195.0	202.0	203.0	203.0	187.0
Portugal.....	118.0	118.0	117.0	117.0	110.0
Spain.....	162.0	163.0	165.0	165.0	161.0
Sweden.....	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	140.0
Turkey.....	104.0	106.0	106.0	106.0	111.0
United S. Africa.....	145.0	144.0	143.0	142.0	123.0
U. S. (Economic) 1948.....	140.0	141.0	141.0	141.0	136.0
Venezuela.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.0	100.0

(a) June-December.

	June 1952	May 1952	Apr. 1952	Mar. 1952	Feb. 1952
1.....	294.64	301.78	302.09	307.50	307.50
2.....	295.40	302.08	302.08	307.51	307.51
3.....	294.90	295.74	301.61	302.11	302.11
4.....	295.15	301.59	301.06	307.00	307.00
5.....	295.08	296.69	301.17	300.75	306.25
6.....	295.01	296.88	300.72	307.17	307.17
7.....	297.38	300.79	301.15	307.50	307.50
8.....	298.44	301.37	301.11	307.90	307.90
9.....	295.79	297.80	301.80	306.60	306.60
10.....	295.12	297.64	302.50	302.21	302.21
11.....	294.82	301.98	302.21	304.58	304.58
12.....	295.18	297.01	301.82	305.19	305.19
13.....	295.54	297.08	300.88	305.29	305.29
14.....	296.06	300.88	300.88	304.60	304.60
15.....	296.51	300.61	300.61	304.59	304.59
16.....	295.11	297.62	300.39	303.76	303.76
17.....	294.14	297.40	299.69	302.80	302.80
18.....	293.14	297.08	298.14	303.73	303.73
19.....	297.08	298.14	302.95	304.06	304.06
20.....	297.33	297.61	301.96	304.13	304.13
21.....	297.34	297.61	302.04	304.29	304.29
22.....	296.32	297.20	301.61	304.30	304.30
23.....	296.41	296.86	301.61	304.30	304.30
24.....	296.51	296.86	301.61	304.30	304.30
25.....	296.55	296.86	301.61	304.30	304.30
26.....	296.55	296.86	301.61	304.30	304.30
27.....	296.55	296.86	301.61	304.30	304.30
28.....	296.55	296.86	301.61	304.30	304.30
29.....	296.55	296.86	301.61	304.30	304.30
30.....	296.55	296.86	301.61	304.30	304.30
31.....	296.55	296.86	301.61	304.30	304.30
1st Holiday (1st Sunday)	296.55	296.86	301.61	304.30	304.30
1952.....	312.13	Jan. 5	297.74	June 18	304.30
1951.....	329.66	Feb. 17	297.23	Sept. 10	304.30
1950.....	319.32	Dec. 28	297.23	Jan. 13	304.30
1949.....	299.81	Jan. 5	297.23	Aug. 16	304.30
1948.....	308.82	Jan. 16	297.23	Dec. 22	304.30

BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 215 CITIES

May 1952 and 1951

The following table gives monthly building permit values by cities and by geographical regions. The figures represent estimated building costs under permits issued to prospective builders within the corporate limits of the cities enumerated. They include new residential and new non-residential buildings, as well as additions, alterations, and repairs. Land costs are not included. The data are compiled from reports furnished monthly to Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., by the building departments of the various cities.

	May 1952	May 1951	April 1952	May 1952	May 1951	April 1952
New England:	\$1,811,513	\$2,734,890	\$2,256,065			
Boston, Mass.....	509,710	1,083,010	9,990,730			
Bridgewater, Conn.....	248,497	229,187	173,048			
Bristol, Conn.....	203,515	199,161	930,850			
Brookline, Mass.....	344,590	224,256	466,330			
Cambridge, Mass.....	35,310	48,060	72,750			
Chelsea, Mass.....	256,840	112,880	74,020			
Everett, Mass.....	401,708	126,955	179,760			
Fall River, Mass.....	144,805	149,925	125,623			
Fitchburg, Mass.....	2,140,007	1,112,848	844,652			
Greenwich, Conn.....	1,472,054	159,050	508,650			
Hartford, Conn.....	92,235	96,920	95,335			
Haverhill, Mass.....	355,900	109,425	370,235			
Lowell, Mass.....	95,545	105,445	92,700			
Malden, Mass.....	105,945	80,535	130,365			
Manchester, N. H.....	512,995	286,111	254,153			
Methuen, Mass.....	176,915	115,095	144,905			
New Bedford, Mass.....	205,465	1,519,705	292,485			
New Britain, Conn.....	411,225	463,065	335,925			
New Haven, Conn.....	1,121,544	1,121,544	949,992			
New Rochelle, N. Y.....	681,810	221,145	470,145			
Northwell, Conn.....	738,807	1,954,800	1,515,190			
Providence, R. I.....	150,551	304,605	550,528			
Quincy, Mass.....	511,400	663,400	779,750			
Salem, Mass.....	263,557	1,405,620	484,532			
Somerville, Mass.....	60,245	216,380	292,555			
Springfield, Mass.....	48,123	84,173	84,173			
Stamford, Conn.....	972,432	898,938	1,054,993			
Waterbury, Conn.....	535,145	1,023,248	679,210			
West Hartford, Conn.....	726,500	616,625	1,796,050			
Worcester, Mass.....	1,880,150	2,274,210	916,110			
Total New England...	\$18,042,004	\$28,422,880	\$14,698,291			
Middle Atlantic:						
Manhattan, N. Y.....	\$27,598,900	\$12,291,750	\$26,665,572			
Manhasset, N. Y.....	9,104,321	7,203,075	191,400			
Brooklyn, N. Y.....	10,756,850	11,834,312	1,951,850			
Brooklyn, N. Y.....	147,870	603,832	406,050			
Brooklyn, N. Y.....	2,231,350	2,274,830	1,886,700			
Brooklyn, N. Y.....	1,741,875	28,765	81,675			
Queens, N. Y.....	8,106,874	18,163,179	14,514,701			
Queens, N. Y.....	2,091,398	611,795	1,147,795			
Richmond, N. Y.....	755,240	755,240	1,015,225			
Richmond, N. Y.....	283,827	191,101	144,270			
Total N. Y. City...	\$60,146,322	\$62,762,259	\$51,123,323			
(1) New York...						
(2) Alterations...						
Albany, N. Y.....	\$1,895,571	\$559,298	\$650,123			
Albany, N. Y.....	811,510	540,910	929,250			
Albany, N. Y.....	351,973	150,559	190,048			
Albany, N. Y.....	150,832	356,005	92,709			
Albany, N. Y.....	190,235	253,130	231,140			
Albany, N. Y.....	119,407	28,765	81,675			
Albany, N. Y.....	172,894	251,101	1,167,939			
Albany, N. Y.....	5,946,014	1,366,328	1,710,029			
Albany, N. Y.....	238,918	381,818	712,073			
Albany, N. Y.....	300,553	140,645	97,835			
Albany, N. Y.....	130,239	112,105	374,130			
Albany, N. Y.....	63,995	75,903	1,245,892			
Albany, N. Y.....	2,691,455	1,153,640	805,710			
Albany, N. Y.....	157,960	484,675	190,565			
Albany, N. Y.....	234,750	213,217	190,638			
Albany, N. Y.....	402,800	143,275	56,000			
Albany, N. Y.....	213,282	393,970	203,615			
Albany, N. Y.....	509,011	167,235	896,711			
Albany, N. Y.....	195,500	760,320	3,204,800			
Albany, N. Y.....	891,450	101,400	1,440,900			
Albany, N. Y.....	605,968	224,728	412,310			
Albany, N. Y.....	874,287	927,167	1,521,567			
Albany, N. Y.....	9,716,280	7,384,610	7,104,540			
Albany, N. Y.....	1,723,043	4,902,514	2,452,352			
Albany, N. Y.....	91,683	76,700	223,950			
Albany, N. Y.....	335,950	371,236	702,319			
Albany, N. Y.....	1,050,719	976,053	1,076,453			
Albany, N. Y.....	380,262	380,382	1,380,520			
Albany, N. Y.....	1,242,130	188,818	85,191			
Albany, N. Y.....	1,304,510	2,140,510	1,304,510			
Albany, N. Y.....	158,000	193,495	167,526			
Albany, N. Y.....	190,625	1,337,725	223,450			
Albany, N. Y.....	110,126	110,126	110,126			
Albany, N. Y.....	334,085	481,615	481,615			
Albany, N. Y.....	102,950	146,826	146,814			
Albany, N. Y.....	106,650	592,170	518,143			
Albany, N. Y.....	1,385,740	1,385,740	1,385,740			
Albany, N. Y.....	4,980,375	759,915	2,071,537			
Albany, N. Y.....	130,400	772,056	459,034			
Total Middle Atl...	\$105,940,758	\$94,492,653	\$89,934,949			
(1) Revised...						
South Atlantic:						
Asheville, N. C.....	\$257,317	\$660,301	\$236,548			
Asheville, N. C.....	2,917,119	2,028,173	3,514,267			
Augusta, Ga.....	312,217	300,466	242,260			
Baltimore, Md.....	8,919,826	8,319,916	4,081,362			
Charleston, S. C.....	152,609	215,873	109,269			
Charlotte, N. C.....	1,557,384	1,183,284	1,916,363			
Coral Gables, Fla.....	727,207	1,442,467	780,883			
Greensboro, N. C.....	504,035	807,482	518,229			
Greenville, S. C.....	339,445	3,244,670	2,144,833			
Jacksonville, Fla.....	1,434,593	1,388,351	1,372,230			
Lynchburg, Va.....	318,328	267,558	107,725			
Miami, Fla.....	185,734	242,463	275,700			
Miami Beach, Fla.....	3,255,565	3,918,029	5,141,361			
Norfolk, Va.....	922,719	3,018,958	1,038,506			
Richmond, Va.....	4,787,031	144,030	1,059,340			
Savannah, Ga.....	1,377,269	1,440,349	1,706,909			
Savannah, Ga.....	793,408	1,104,546	673,565			
Savannah, Ga.....	292,145	910,460	419,180			
Savannah, Ga.....	810,113	612,716	576,716			
Washington, D. C.....	3,514,375	6,633,774	5,543,184			
Winston-Salem, N. C.....	516,674	1,079,220	889,206			
Total S. Atlantic...	\$14,087,156	\$40,102,936	\$40,066,944			
East Central:						
Akron, Ohio.....	\$4,994,214	\$2,759,209	\$4,408,632			
Bay City, Mich.....	554,340	421,504	404,958			
Benaville, Ill.....	377,642	279,160	622,919			
Benaville, Ill.....	171,647	171,647	12,673			
Canon, Ohio.....	702,408	849,896	849,896			
Chicago, Ill.....	10,518,800	27,124,600	17,784,100			
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	4,516,195	6,026,130	3,684,225			
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	42,492	151,860	106,385			
Cleveland, Ohio.....	4,311,900	6,689,500	4,732,400			
Columbus, Ohio.....	4,430,505	3,109,925	3,442,225			
Dayton, Ohio.....	1,786,710	5,795,765	5,795,765			
Detroit, Mich.....	10,027,871	21,105,995	8,256,242			
Detroit, Mich.....	229,135	500,770	241,460			
Evansville, Ind.....	1,289,950	1,202,450	291,050			
Evansville, Ind.....	199,979	1,036,245	1,036,245			
Flint, Mich.....	2,989,200	1,435,830	1,229,735			
Fort Wayne, Ind.....	733,581	1,123,269	908,552			
Fort Wayne, Ind.....	972,511	1,263,078	1,181,732			
Grand Rapids, Mich.....	1,113,430	1,174,735	1,174,735			
Green Bay, Wis.....	734,045	1,115,235	711,015			
Indianapolis, Ind.....	1,071,665	1,455,233	1,265,321			
Huntington, W. Va.....	404,210	1,044,042	404,210			
Indianapolis, Ind.....	2,227,262	3,558,215	2,590,069			
Lansing, Mich.....	567,525	563,740	543,720			
Lima, Ohio.....	145,193	598,085	1,015,025			
Louisville, Ky.....	1,328,513	8,041,519	1,208,647			
Madison, Wis.....	945,475	1,374,535	1,374,535			
Madison, Wis.....	5,690,581	9,011,844	6,025,122			
Marquette, Mich.....	556,560	214,925	70,349			
Oak Park, Ill.....	2,062,155	197,655	197,655			
Peoria, Ill.....	343,014	655,367	562,494			
Pontiac, Mich.....	559,175	406,933	405,785			
Quincy, Ill.....	215,825	161,522	230,762			
Racine, Wis.....	1,254,333	679,740	904,592			
Rochester, Ill.....	1,126,650	1,012,655	974,225			
Saginaw, Mich.....	420,175	509,286	3,081,620			
South Bend, Ind.....	1,931,144	1,106,642	1,378,017			
Springfield, Ill.....	475,440	504,864	300,980			
Springfield, Ill.....	370,150	106,700	630,625			
Superior, Wis.....	162,760	610,681	151,946			
Terre Haute, Ind.....	141,892	284,870	316,209			
Toledo, Ohio.....	1,650,430	1,601,200	1,629,100			
Wheeling, W. Va.....	182,200	370,600	381,100			
Youngstown, Ohio.....	861,013	986,212	1,870,357			
Zanesville, Ohio.....	53,300	99,240	29,150			
Total East Central...	\$64,435,336	\$119,283,408	\$78,883,606			
South Central:						
Arlington, Tex.....	\$1,707,060	\$265,087	\$1,075,936			
Arlington, Tex.....	1,830,261	1,150,169	2,815,705			
Arlington, Tex.....	1,591,515	1,591,515	3,480,458			
Beaumont, Tex.....	377,327	377,327	1,740,977			
Birmingham, Ala.....	1,636,320	1,662,280	1,816,057			
Chattanooga, Tenn.....	184,263	279,795	491,200			
Dallas, Tex.....	11,168,067	8,968,074	8,968,074			
El Paso, Tex.....	865,703	975,917	889,106			
Fort Worth, Tex.....	200,640	400,255	411,000			
Fort Worth, Tex.....	5,028,597	3,628,252	4,821,329			
Galveston, Tex.....	1,029,745	142,612	142,612			
Houston, Tex.....	9,030,288	9,814,616	11,022,722			
Jackson, Miss.....	1,428,428	954,129	403,637			
Knoxville, Tenn.....	1,325,708	600,414	600,414			
Little Rock, Ark.....	642,080	754,039	918,629			
Memphis, Tenn.....	7,140,465	5,592,286	2,715,955			
Mobile, Ala.....	315,517	437,701	448,576			

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BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 215 CITIES—Continued

May 1952 and 1951

	May 1952	May 1951	April 1952		May 1952	May 1951	April 1952
So. Cent. (Cont.)				Mountains			
Montgomery, Ala.....	\$578,200	\$591,800	\$729,800	Boise, Idaho.....	\$168,093	\$194,067	\$279,110
Muskogee, Okla.....	86,170	92,700	30,025	Butte, Mont.....	22,600	15,740	40,700
Nashville, Tenn.....	450,697	1,350,004	8,915,489	Colorado Springs, Col.	524,143	1,074,995	537,080
New Orleans, La.....	9,130,053	4,695,967	3,730,898	Denver, Colo.....	7,041,673	6,100,068	6,100,006
Oklahoma City, Okla.....	2,881,682	2,082,634	2,006,551	Great Falls, Mont.....	227,730	290,730	662,755
Port Arthur, Texas.....	310,720	554,667	319,314	Heber, Utah.....	447,200	539,200	839,760
San Antonio, Texas.....	350,719	425,542	540,196	Phoenix, Ariz.....	775,107	2,140,837	941,166
San Antonio, Texas.....	4,345,859	2,811,550	3,064,032	Pueblo, Colo.....	532,928	561,791	2,936,015
Shreveport, La.....	1,242,133	1,167,205	2,070,255	Salt Lake City, Utah.....	1,320,501	1,550,862	1,353,500
Tulsa, Okla.....	2,634,950	1,698,769	1,090,000	Tucson, Ariz.....	460,559	360,024	492,677
Waco, Texas.....	958,250	1,498,425	1,624,931				
Wichita Falls, Texas.....	1,827,731	380,940	1,007,357	Total Mountains.....	\$11,081,194	\$13,227,984	\$14,369,865
Total So. Central.....	\$70,755,478	\$51,611,204	\$69,327,616	Pacific			
West Central				Bakersfield, Cal.....	\$467,715	\$469,075	\$610,677
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.....	\$512,899	\$847,841	\$871,625	Berkeley, Cal.....	428,529	372,712	497,706
Davenport, Iowa.....	816,108	1,827,479	867,289	Beverly Hills, Cal.....	574,072	1,011,768	596,293
Des Moines, Iowa.....	2,955,045	1,612,608	1,418,088	Fresno, Cal.....	552,891	796,096	796,298
Dubuque, Iowa.....	319,713	548,870	316,656	Glendale, Cal.....	1,036,955	1,082,902	858,412
Duluth, Minn.....	536,886	644,554	413,033	Long Beach, Cal.....	3,741,805	3,070,365	2,745,550
Fargo, N. D.....	712,950	548,650	946,730	Los Angeles, Cal.....	25,396,630	25,452,978	20,586,365
Kansas City, Mo.....	1,552,576	369,755	40,672	Oakland, Cal.....	1,266,930	3,252,023	2,679,014
Kansas City, Mo.....	2,554,000	2,971,000	3,400,000	Portland, Ore.....	1,537,709	1,276,294	1,059,644
Lincoln, Neb.....	940,295	1,117,475	1,597,080	Sacramento, Cal.....	761,829	508,130	1,071,054
Minneapolis, Minn.....	2,554,215	3,042,508	3,322,319	San Diego, Cal.....	6,021,287	3,901,210	3,471,406
Omaha, Neb.....	1,810,469	1,810,328	924,701	San Francisco, Cal.....	1,535,874	2,535,874	2,891,493
St. Joseph, Mo.....	209,150	252,685	125,545	San Jose, Cal.....	398,660	1,165,172	782,405
St. Louis, Mo.....	4,783,264	4,317,184	1,247,138	Seattle, Wash.....	3,371,325	5,176,195	1,737,420
St. Paul, Minn.....	3,480,853	3,010,193	3,519,358	Spokane, Wash.....	2,822,614	2,066,856	2,666,755
St. Paul, Minn.....	419,006	607,885	431,490	Stockton, Cal.....	824,341	500,751	492,119
St. Paul, Minn.....	440,978	509,707	602,901	Tacoma, Wash.....	1,247,908	2,245,193	1,245,233
Topeka, Kan.....	957,170	589,985	430,945				
Wichita, Kan.....	1,279,850	1,469,615	2,340,594	Total Pacific.....	\$54,746,200	\$67,235,404	\$64,566,004
Total West Central.....	\$28,934,927	\$25,697,622	\$23,473,164	Total 215 Cities.....	\$408,633,113	\$436,074,181	\$415,406,459

Building Permit Values for 215 Cities—Monthly—1950 to Date

Total United States - 215 Cities				New York City		Outside New York City - 214 Cities			
1952	1951	1950	1952	1951	1950	1952	1951	1950	1950
Jan.....	\$259,293,065	\$446,881,401	\$334,999,161	\$24,712,989	\$51,032,885	\$41,873,234	\$234,580,076	\$395,848,516	\$297,125,927
Feb.....	315,320,903	327,247,738	343,121,378	33,765,418	24,348,571	67,454,466	281,355,485	302,891,167	275,687,082
Mar.....	350,270,591	431,650,560	448,893,549	31,535,052	49,368,940	46,240,730	318,715,532	362,045,620	400,066,924
Apr.....	415,466,459	372,503,130	445,978,656	33,123,323	27,351,774	57,723,455	362,341,136	345,151,356	388,255,201
May.....	408,633,113	436,074,181	508,904,044	62,146,322	62,762,259	86,101,764	346,466,791	373,311,922	482,602,280
June.....	485,041,042	568,023,104	524,978,208	.....	31,857,270	102,569,255	.....	331,586,772	465,400,849
July.....	415,571,892	524,978,208	.....	45,557,765	37,123,541	.....	.....	370,014,127	487,854,667
Aug.....	437,666,400	550,997,973	.....	76,505,151	37,858,882	.....	.....	361,167,249	513,139,091
Sept.....	412,834,648	488,266,997	.....	25,014,632	30,073,613	.....	.....	387,800,015	377,593,380
Oct.....	395,445,821	505,255,660	.....	33,886,760	76,902,243	.....	.....	311,559,061	449,353,417
Nov.....	285,165,014	408,608,048	.....	50,219,456	37,350,881	.....	.....	235,145,558	371,317,167
Dec.....	206,210,510	426,607,027	.....	38,829,573	38,150,313	.....	.....	227,180,937	388,456,714
Total.....	\$4,564,466,337	\$5,549,694,106	.....	\$556,572,036	\$650,015,407	.....	\$4,027,894,301	\$4,893,678,699	

Building Permit Values and Index for 120 Cities—1939 to Date

Index is 3-months moving average, based on average of 1920-1930 = 100; Adjusted for seasonal variation.
(Value figures in thousands of dollars.)

	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946
	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index
January.....	198,149 133.4	366,023 201.2	269,459 166.5	186,300 126.3	213,321 140.6	128,559 81.4	165,814 101.7
February.....	242,915 132.4	261,150 183.4	282,201 167.7	194,905 117.5	190,904 127.7	139,718 84.7	159,117 116.1
March.....	275,930 130.7	350,142 140.9	356,918 154.8	255,522 113.0	261,604 113.7	196,744 79.7	335,184 105.4
April.....	321,622 123.9	269,807 134.4	355,064 159.8	283,047 107.4	285,763 112.0	178,146 73.1	197,276 96.0
May.....	319,919	340,188 127.5	464,053 174.5	257,321 116.4	279,261 117.2	164,828 76.9	187,755 74.0
June.....	50,890 22.9	299,211 141.6	401,954 193.3	317,107 117.0	298,305 122.8	222,814 88.3	101,314 76.3
July.....	.....	333,019 147.6	418,324 195.6	240,714 124.1	274,942 129.5	222,942 100.3	176,518 76.0
August.....	.....	354,225 160.1	431,953 186.4	278,762 131.2	295,757 136.5	226,908 111.2	167,979 78.1
September.....	.....	311,470 157.6	322,471 191.5	311,417 147.3	245,201 134.9	245,203 119.9	143,839 71.1
October.....	.....	295,720 146.0	420,917 188.8	309,573 150.8	246,781 132.8	260,638 128.1	173,278 78.0
November.....	.....	237,169 132.8	336,273 199.9	245,112 145.9	229,859 128.5	227,903 135.7	130,724 71.3
December.....	.....	201,230 127.0	345,244 210.1	249,302 153.4	228,846 128.7	255,387 143.4	123,250 76.6
Total.....	.....	3,654,367	4,465,831	3,131,076	3,111,251	2,469,870	2,088,918
	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939
	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index
January.....	37,080 28.3	27,611 20.3	24,252 16.2	52,376 40.7	89,163 54.1	72,062 43.6	76,834 45.8
February.....	65,258 29.6	34,602 22.6	20,908 13.4	69,697 37.7	78,800 52.8	76,338 44.6	69,740 45.0
March.....	55,876 28.1	67,046 21.1	26,854 13.2	81,622 38.1	115,786 48.2	91,429 41.4	97,666 38.3
April.....	50,890 22.9	36,371 19.4	39,017 14.5	117,147 32.1	115,076 48.2	97,743 39.4	77,915 36.1
May.....	61,624 24.7	38,833 16.7	41,256 15.2	62,320 27.4	115,214 46.4	101,382 39.5	90,000 36.6
June.....	68,889 29.2	47,947 21.9	31,494 16.0	49,397 22.5	106,651 51.4	92,721 41.7	100,597 39.3
July.....	71,846 34.5	63,960 37.7	37,738 16.6	45,221 20.4	121,203 49.4	95,364 41.7	82,899 42.3
August.....	90,156 42.0	111,041 37.8	41,921 18.6	42,528 21.9	95,106 50.8	91,442 42.9	100,016 46.8
September.....	100,080 52.0	63,074 43.9	37,318 19.0	49,277 20.3	96,214 47.5	95,652 48.9	85,592 46.7
October.....	126,912 63.4	96,165 43.3	41,658 21.0	35,472 19.7	99,169 47.3	111,870 50.9	101,120 47.5
November.....	134,099 78.3	87,569 55.1	40,852 21.7	28,322 17.5	76,245 45.4	85,135 46.7	85,420 47.1
December.....	165,318 93.5	31,673 31.2	36,393 20.8	31,641 17.2	75,256 40.4	93,342 53.6	60,837 41.6
Total.....	1,028,028	708,505	418,961	643,620	1,196,943	1,104,480	1,028,812

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES
TABULATED BY DUN & BRADSTREET, INC.

	1951			1952												
	July	Aug.	Sept.	3rd Quar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	4th Quar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	1st Quar.	Apr.	May	June	2nd Quar.
Alabama.....	46	46	67	159	37	44	30	111	46	44	61	151	55			
Arizona.....	38	36	52	186	72	70	67	209	69	66	59	194	59			
Arkansas.....	40	39	35	106	49	52	50	147	79	66	62	207	59			
California.....	461	539	485	1,485	548	580	605	1,693	634	640	711	1,985	778			
Colorado.....	66	56	44	166	46	51	50	147	79	66	62	207	59			
Connecticut.....	112	93	95	300	114	115	124	353	145	159	120	394	137			
Delaware.....	176	187	164	547	324	211	187	945	270	216	218	704	268			
Florida.....	298	328	290	916	328	278	339	945	297	292	339	928	347			
Georgia.....	90	79	89	258	65	93	67	225	135	86	99	320	75			
Idaho.....	25	20	17	62	15	10	24	49	27	20	18	65	30			
Illinois.....	307	323	314	944	345	313	419	1,077	357	343	347	1,047	406			
Indiana.....	86	105	87	278	98	84	136	318	107	91	114	312	106			
Iowa.....	39	59	38	106	34	34	45	113	37	31	35	103	57			
Kansas.....	157	35	32	224	47	36	64	147	49	51	46	146	65			
Kentucky.....	70	54	58	182	56	53	51	140	56	70	69	217	81			
Louisiana.....	22	26	20	68	29	31	43	103	30	26	30	86	35			
Maine.....	106	119	119	344	135	122	109	366	149	142	225	516	157			
Maryland.....	216	238	205	659	208	208	355	771	248	207	197	652	276			
Massachusetts.....	215	125	211	551	165	174	149	488	207	194	174	575	172			
Michigan.....	70	67	71	208	68	81	140	289	77	72	89	238	90			
Minnesota.....	26	27	19	72	23	23	28	74	37	37	39	113	43			
Mississippi.....	114	118	113	345	146	89	116	351	132	145	138	415	169			
Missouri.....	25	16	10	51	16	8	24	48	26	8	10	44	28			
Montana.....																
Nebraska.....	22	14	20	56	14	21	29	64	33	23	39	95	23			
Nevada.....	32	40	35	107	48	41	36	125	38	43	72	153	50			
New Hampshire.....	23	23	18	64	25	19	26	70	27	19	22	68	26			
New Jersey.....	428	439	394	1,261	514	463	358	1,335	598	476	548	1,622	529			
New Mexico.....	15	16	15	46	18	15	15	48	29	12	17	58	16			
New York.....	1,405	1,587	1,386	4,378	1,654	1,564	1,497	4,715	2,283	1,689	1,853	5,825	1,985			
North Carolina.....	85	100	90	275	80	87	102	269	125	98	86	309	133			
North Dakota.....	8	4	6	18	8	10	15	33	12	16	11	39	9			
Ohio.....	361	371	323	1,055	405	331	336	1,072	461	409	547	1,417	452			
Oklahoma.....	85	66	64	215	59	68	66	193	85	89	81	255	99			
Oregon.....	72	72	46	190	58	50	84	192	70	56	55	181	74			
Pennsylvania.....	210	241	181	632	230	196	267	693	310	222	269	821	271			
Rhode Island.....	39	37	33	109	48	44	55	147	69	58	53	180	84			
South Carolina.....	59	43	51	153	59	50	55	164	67	43	49	159	55			
South Dakota.....	0	45	10	35	14	10	14	190	89	87	7	26	9			
Tennessee.....	72	68	62	202	65	47	78	190	89	90	78	257	97			
Texas.....	242	246	233	721	222	247	262	731	274	325	373	978	319			
Utah.....	25	17	21	63	23	24	18	65	30	34	25	89	30			
Vermont.....	9	13	13	35	14	14	14	42	13	8	10	31	23			
Virginia.....	97	70	98	274	96	74	88	258	128	114	128	370	112			
Washington.....	96	85	49	230	78	63	74	215	90	78	94	262	97			
West Virginia.....	55	49	29	133	48	44	38	130	55	36	46	137	40			
Wisconsin.....	89	99	88	276	97	73	124	294	103	100	96	299	122			
Wyoming.....	10	8	23	23	10	7	15	32	10	12	15	37	21			
Total 48 States..	6,428	6,406	5,950	18,874	6,812	6,289	6,913	20,014	8,357	7,138	7,902	23,397	8,284			

Failures by Industrial Groups—Monthly—1950 to Date

1950	Total Number	Mining & Mfg.	% of Total	Wholesale Trade	% of Total	Retail Trade	% of Total	Construction	% of Total	Commercial Service	% of Total
January	804	225	28.1	110	12.7	403	40.6	65	7.5	61	7.1
February	811	170	21.0	100	12.3	399	40.2	73	9.0	69	8.5
March	804	206	25.7	116	13.1	402	45.5	86	9.7	74	8.4
April	806	195	24.2	93	11.5	398	49.4	76	9.4	64	7.5
May	874	197	22.5	109	12.5	426	48.7	80	9.2	62	7.1
June	725	167	23.1	67	9.2	363	50.1	61	8.4	67	9.2
July	694	151	21.8	73	10.5	343	49.4	65	9.4	62	8.9
August	787	173	22.0	70	8.9	402	51.1	91	11.5	51	6.5
September	648	147	22.7	69	10.6	314	48.5	75	11.6	43	6.6
October	707	150	21.2	63	8.9	319	41.9	91	12.9	64	9.1
November	683	150	22.0	69	10.1	310	45.4	87	12.7	67	9.8
December	679	143	21.1	77	11.3	330	48.6	62	9.1	67	9.9
Total Year	9,162	2,074	22.6	1,016	11.1	4,429	48.3	912	10.0	731	8.0

1951	Total Number	Mining & Mfg.	% of Total	Wholesale Trade	% of Total	Retail Trade	% of Total	Construction	% of Total	Commercial Service	% of Total
January	775	132	17.0	73	9.4	410	52.9	97	12.5	63	8.2
February	599	107	17.9	69	11.5	304	50.8	60	10.0	59	9.8
March	732	115	15.7	88	12.0	377	51.5	83	11.4	69	9.4
April	693	119	17.2	56	11.0	365	52.6	61	11.7	52	7.5
May	755	128	17.0	84	11.1	385	51.0	94	12.4	64	8.5
June	699	109	16.4	66	9.4	390	55.8	71	10.2	43	6.2
July	665	130	19.6	66	9.9	340	51.1	74	11.1	55	8.3
August	678	136	20.1	64	9.4	313	46.1	80	11.8	51	7.5
September	620	150	24.2	70	11.3	277	44.7	84	13.5	39	6.3
October	643	150	23.3	47	7.3	304	47.3	85	13.2	57	8.9
November	587	160	27.3	58	9.9	307	52.3	73	12.4	48	8.2
December	612	131	21.4	66	10.8	296	48.4	71	11.6	48	7.8
Total Year	8,058	1,533	19.0	827	10.3	4,088	50.7	957	11.9	653	8.1

1952	Total Number	Mining & Mfg.	% of Total	Wholesale Trade	% of Total	Retail Trade	% of Total	Construction	% of Total	Commercial Service	% of Total
January	671	143	21.3	62	9.2	348	51.9	68	10.1	50	7.5
February	619	133	21.5	60	9.7	304	49.1	70	11.3	52	8.4
March	715	148	20.7	69	9.6	371	51.9	72	10.1	55	7.7
April	780	171	21.9	83	10.7	375	48.1	93	11.9	58	7.4
May	638	111	17.4	58	9.2	313	52.0	78	12.8	60	9.4
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Failures by Size of Liabilities—Monthly—1950 to Date

1950	Total Number	Under \$5,000	% of Total	\$5,000 to \$25,000	% of Total	\$25,000 to \$100,000	% of Total	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	% of Total	\$1,000,000 and Over	% of Total
January	804	180	20.8	449	52.0	194	22.5	39	4.5	2	0.2
February	811	181	22.3	404	49.8	186	22.9	40	5.0	..	..
March	884	166	18.8	458	51.8	208	23.5	52	5.9	..	..
April	806	172	21.3	416	51.6	169	21.0	49	6.1	..	..
May	874	197	22.5	450	51.5	186	21.3	41	4.7	..	..
June	725	169	23.3	373	51.5	151	20.8	31	4.3	1	0.1
July	694	140	20.2	363	52.3	159	22.9	32	4.6	..	..
August	787	177	22.5	427	54.3	161	20.4	21	2.7	1	0.1
September	648	175	27.0	316	48.8	135	20.8	22	3.4	..	..
October	707	175	24.8	355	50.2	156	22.1	20	2.8	1	0.1
November	683	166	27.2	342	50.1	122	17.9	31	4.5	2	0.3
December	679	147	21.6	353	52.0	146	21.8	29	4.3	3	0.4
Total Year	9,162	2,065	22.5	4,706	51.4	1,975	21.6	407	4.4	9	0.1

1951	Total Number	Under \$5,000	% of Total	\$5,000 to \$25,000	% of Total	\$25,000 to \$100,000	% of Total	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	% of Total	\$1,000,000 and Over	% of Total
January	775	190	24.5	404	52.1	143	18.5	38	4.9	..	..
February	599	145	24.2	392	50.4	121	20.2	30	5.0	1	0.2
March	732	170	23.2	401	54.8	137	18.7	23	3.2	1	0.1
April	693	175	25.3	348	50.2	145	20.9	24	3.5	1	0.1
May	755	159	21.1	408	54.0	152	19.2	42	5.6	1	0.1
June	699	164	23.5	359	51.3	134	19.2	41	5.9	1	0.1
July	665	150	22.6	347	52.2	134	20.1	32	4.8	2	0.3
August	678	141	20.8	345	50.9	151	22.3	38	5.6	3	0.4
September	620	150	24.2	315	50.8	119	19.1	40	6.5	1	0.2
October	643	136	21.2	319	49.6	145	22.5	39	6.1	4	0.6
November	587	129	22.0	306	52.1	121	20.6	30	5.1	1	0.2
December	612	123	20.1	306	50.0	146	23.9	36	5.9	1	0.1
Total Year	8,058	1,832	22.7	4,160	51.6	1,634	20.3	412	5.1	20	0.3

1952	Total Number	Under \$5,000	% of Total	\$5,000 to \$25,000	% of Total	\$25,000 to \$100,000	% of Total	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	% of Total	\$1,000,000 and Over	% of Total
January	671	119	17.7	343	51.1	154	23.0	52	7.8	3	0.4
February	619	117	18.9	328	53.0	138	22.3	34	5.5	2	0.3
March	715	129	18.1	367	51.3	159	23.6	46	6.7	2	0.3
April	780	156	20.0	379	48.6	180	23.1	64	8.2	1	0.1
May	638	130	20.4	337	52.8	140	21.9	29	4.6	2	0.3
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Failures by Divisions of Industry—May 1952

	Number of Failures			Current Liabilities (Thousands of Dollars)		
	May 1952	5 Months 1952 1951	May 1952	5 Months 1952 1951	May 1952	5 Months 1952 1951
Mining & Manufacturing						
Mining/Coal, Oil, Misc.	2	16	9	178	1,410	1,070
Food & Kindred Products	12	91	99	3,206	7,535	6,043
Textile Mill, Rubber Appl.	23	172	134	254	7,975	5,609
Lumber & Products	30	97	99	711	5,514	3,105
Paper, Printing & Pbls.	10	49	92	457	4,508	1,231
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	3	21	19	413	1,792	546
Leather & Products	6	41	31	241	1,945	714
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	1	16	18	12	1,211	208
Iron, Steel & Products	2	20	11	11	1,875	162
Machinery	8	58	51	3,197	10,131	5,267
Transportation Equipment	3	19	5	278	1,320	12
Miscellaneous	22	104	111	526	12,224	3,555
Total Mining & Mfg.	111	706	601	10,217	49,875	27,869
Wholesale Trade						
Food & Farm Products	21	111	120	1,041	6,182	3,586
Apparel & Accessories	2	17	14	153	617	199
Dry Goods	2	18	12	49	675	250
Lumber, Bldg. Mtl., Hdw.	2	27	30	107	1,826	907
Chemicals & Drugs	2	11	14	37	360	50
Motor Vehicles & Auto Equip.	3	9	15	81	207	219
Miscellaneous	27	140	185	370	4,678	6,792
Total Wholesale Trade	59	333	390	1,847	15,219	12,555
Retail Trade						
Food & Liquor	73	415	491	899	6,551	6,884
General Merchandise	7	50	73	220	1,779	1,654
Apparel & Accessories	46	219	300	775	5,099	4,451
Furniture, Home Furnishings	49	194	167	939	4,340	7,185
Lumber, Bldg. Mtl., Hdw.	15	76	102	337	1,885	1,740
Leather & Products	20	129	143	416	1,129	1,052
Shoe & Hat Stores	92	369	339	1,366	7,066	6,163
Drug Stores	9	47	41	105	651	492
Miscellaneous	20	147	160	347	1,028	2,341
Total Retail Trade	333	1,731	1,841	5,264	33,526	33,472
Construction						
Gen'l Bldg. Contractors	20	137	140	1,024	6,815	6,405
Building Sub-Contractors	50	203	261	934	5,671	6,950
Other Contractors	5	18	14	188	885	1,486
Total Construction	75	378	415	2,046	13,371	14,835
Commercial Services						
Pass & Freight Transp.	23	86	88	590	8,749	2,962
Misc. Public Services	5	19	15	128	713	432
Hotels	1	10	8	11	598	358
Cleaning, Dyeing, Repairing	4	37	43	39	559	616
Laundries	3	16	22	41	844	825
Undertakers	2	13	2	42	180	160
Other Personal Services	3	29	27	51	229	420
Business & Equip. Services	20	75	99	319	2,106	1,649
Total Commercial Services	60	275	307	1,219	13,424	7,182
Total United States	638	3,423	3,554	21,193	125,637	95,914

Failures in Large Cities—May 1952

City (1940 Population Ranking)	Number of Failures			Current Liabilities (Thousands of Dollars)		
	May 1952	5 Months 1952 1951	May 1952	5 Months 1952 1951	May 1952	5 Months 1952 1951
New York, N.Y.	143	876	826	5,360	34,138	25,506
Chicago, Ill.	99	144	146	506	5,976	1,179
Philadelphia, Pa.	6	37	62	67	1,152	1,428
Detroit, Mich.	12	37	45	109	1,260	701
Los Angeles, Calif.	38	159	156	511	2,483	3,762
Cleveland, Ohio	4	28	30	35	400	701
Baltimore, Md.	8	20	76	1,042	1,275	197
St. Louis, Mo.	2	15	15	85	1,598	408
Boston, Mass.	12	64	55	260	2,176	1,111
Pittsburgh, Pa.	3	17	17	24	936	409
Washington, D.C.	2	13	2	65	330	7
San Francisco, Calif.	12	63	39	295	4,326	1,156
Milwaukee, Wis.	2	23	55	11	435	910
Buttalo, N.Y.	8	23	17	116	422	217
New Orleans, La.	3	17	12	176	714	354
Minneapolis, Minn.	5	10	13	39	152	549
Cincinnati, Ohio	2	11	6	223	416	203
Seattle, Wash.	4	22	22	150	755	1,103
Riverside, Calif.	2	12	18	18	152	140
Indianapolis, Ind.	2	6	5	43	79	140
Houston, Texas	2	7	12	139	320	1,763
Seattle, Wash.	4	22	35	102	917	212
Buchanan, Mo.	3	13	17	68	623	309
Louisville, Ky.	1	5	4	13	113	142
Denver, Colo.	2	6	1	164	406	22
Total 25 Cities	301	1,659	1,652	9,926	62,708	46,313
Balance of Country	337	1,764	1,902	11,267	62,929	49,601
Total United States	638	3,423	3,554	21,193	125,637	95,914

United States Failures by States—May 1952

	Number of Failures			Current Liabilities (Thousands of Dollars)		
	May 1952	5 Months 1952 1951	May 1952	5 Months 1952 1951	May 1952	5 Months 1952 1951
New England						
Maine	1	14	19	1	337	195
New Hampshire	5	8	9	106	250	606
Vermont	2	5	2	164	210	27
Massachusetts	29	173	164	1,240	6,763	3,059
Connecticut	23	89	53	855	3,314	2,053
Rhode Island	1	43	37	44	950	408
Total New England	62	332	289	2,409	11,464	6,600
Middle Atlantic						
New York	109	1,050	1,000	5,743	39,781	29,079
New Jersey	28	131	139	1,377	7,000	4,030
Pennsylvania	15	140	176	176	6,534	4,215
Total Middle Atlantic	212	1,321	1,315	7,296	51,247	36,084
East No. Central						
Ohio	18	92	116	581	2,583	3,247
Indiana	7	26	29	178	811	571
Illinois	30	187	194	900	6,943	4,277
Michigan	21	66	96	949	2,131	1,780
Wisconsin	5	38	113	202	5,105	1,744
Total East No. Central	91	429	548	2,810	14,637	11,619
West No. Central						
Minnesota	7	40	38	104	1,053	974
Iowa	3	13	13	44	217	471
Missouri	5	29	43	136	1,293	1,316
North Dakota	1	4	3	1	50	21
South Dakota	1	3	3	1	32	112
Nebraska	1	2	5	1	153	28
Kansas	1	13	16	5	1,258	633
Total West No. Central	15	104	121	289	4,608	3,575
South Atlantic						
Maryland	9	25	46	2,292	2,675	492
Delaware	1	4	1	1	145	46
Dist. of Columbia	2	13	2	85	329	8
Virginia	3	26	20	92	563	3,387
West Virginia	5	24	30	30	1,306	755
North Carolina	5	22	17	212	708	1,079
South Carolina	1	5	3	573	794	300
Georgia	3	28	35	12	1,476	905
Florida	14	56	58	350	5,209	2,688
Total So. Atlantic	40	203	232	1,646	10,195	9,658
East So. Central						
Kentucky	3	12	17	56	229	405
Tennessee	7	35	37	188	880	1,877
Alabama	2	19	17	104	767	562
Mississippi	6	17	19	153	351	332
Total East So. Central	18	83	90	501	2,227	3,195
West So. Central						
Arkansas	3	6	10	68	505	347
Oklahoma	2	14	14	26	1,537	316
Louisiana	7	33	35	319	1,202	1,079
Texas	8	39	38	193	3,051	2,142
Total West So. Central	20	92	97	606	6,375	4,885
Mountain						
Montana	1	2	1	1	21	4
Idaho	4	6	6	81	171	119
Wyoming	1	1	2	1	25	23
Colorado	2	7	8	164	416	171
New Mexico	6	6	13	1	185	213
Arizona	4	20	20	45	798	192
Utah	5	20	14	122	544	232
Nevada	2	6	5	167	325	240
Total Mountain	17	70	69	579	2,485	1,203
Pacific						
Washington	14	57	71	274	1,557	1,229
Oregon	8	37	32	195	1,761	385
California	138	691	690	2,626	19,191	15,460
Total Pacific	160	785	793	3,095	22,105	17,094
Total United States	638	3,423	3,554	21,193	125,637	95,914

Canadian Failures by Provinces—May 1952

	Number of Failures			Current Liabilities (Thousands of Dollars)		
	May 1952	5 Months 1952 1951	May 1952	5 Months 1952 1951	May 1952	5 Months 1952 1951
Canada						
Newfoundland	1	6	2	1	99	151
Prince Edward Island	1	1	1	1	1	1
New Brunswick	3	11	9	117	213	95
Quebec	61	260	260	1,609	5,941	4,259
Ontario	16	83	46	300	1,963	1,413
Manitoba	1	24	9	33	489	175
Saskatchewan	1	3	1	14	14	30
Alberta	4	8	1	28	153	44
British Columbia	8	23	17	93	320	192
Total Canada	94	424	349	2,198	9,195	6,411

Failures by Industrial Groups and Size of Liabilities—May 1952

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

	May 1952				January to May 1952				January to May 1951			
	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.
Mining & Manufacturing.....	111	100.0	10,217	10,233	706	100.0	49,875	50,000	601	100.0	27,869	29,333
Under \$5,000.....	12	10.8	36	36	74	10.5	217	217	101	16.8	291	291
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	47	42.4	483	483	303	42.9	3,508	3,508	280	46.8	3,300	3,300
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	35	31.5	1,718	1,718	223	31.6	11,305	11,305	159	26.5	7,075	7,075
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	15	13.5	4,028	4,044	100	14.2	24,431	25,156	58	9.6	13,010	13,484
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	2	1.8	3,952	3,952	6	0.8	10,324	10,324	3	0.5	3,593	4,583
Wholesale Trade.....	59	100.0	1,847	1,847	333	100.0	15,219	15,416	390	100.0	12,555	12,630
Under \$5,000.....	11	18.6	27	27	48	12.6	119	119	57	14.6	168	168
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	28	47.5	320	320	147	44.1	1,837	1,837	203	52.1	2,478	2,478
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	14	23.7	609	609	109	32.8	5,018	5,018	105	26.9	5,039	5,039
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	6	10.2	891	891	34	10.2	6,497	6,694	25	6.4	4,870	6,945
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	1	0.3	1,748	1,748	..	..	..	..
Retail Trade.....	333	100.0	5,264	5,264	1,731	100.0	33,528	33,594	1,841	100.0	33,479	33,555
Under \$5,000.....	75	22.5	224	224	419	24.2	1,270	1,270	539	29.3	1,492	1,492
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	194	58.3	2,216	2,216	983	56.8	11,286	11,286	995	54.0	14,658	14,458
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	63	18.9	2,723	2,723	288	16.6	12,749	12,749	272	14.8	11,251	11,251
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	1	0.3	101	101	41	2.4	8,223	8,289	35	1.9	6,271	6,354
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Construction.....	75	100.0	2,646	2,646	378	100.0	13,591	13,621	415	100.0	14,836	14,884
Under \$5,000.....	16	21.3	45	45	55	14.6	150	150	72	17.3	211	211
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	38	50.7	508	508	187	49.5	2,404	2,404	221	53.3	2,704	2,704
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	16	21.3	683	683	100	26.4	4,661	4,661	93	22.4	4,012	4,012
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	5	6.7	1,410	1,410	36	9.5	6,376	6,406	28	6.8	6,900	6,957
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	0.2	1,000	1,000
Commercial Service.....	60	100.0	1,219	1,219	275	100.0	13,424	13,574	307	100.0	7,189	7,271
Under \$5,000.....	16	26.7	46	46	61	22.2	167	167	70	22.8	214	214
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	30	50.0	386	386	134	48.7	1,565	1,565	104	33.4	1,954	1,954
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	12	20.0	463	463	61	22.2	2,721	2,721	62	20.2	2,689	2,689
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	2	3.3	324	324	16	5.8	3,238	3,288	11	3.6	2,325	2,416
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	3	1.1	5,733	5,733	..	..	..	..
Total United States.....	638	100.0	21,193	21,209	3,423	100.0	125,637	126,805	3,554	100.0	95,914	97,673
Under \$5,000.....	130	20.4	378	378	651	19.0	1,923	1,923	839	23.6	2,376	2,376
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	337	52.8	3,913	3,913	1,754	51.3	20,690	20,690	1,803	52.4	24,894	24,894
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	140	21.9	5,196	5,196	781	22.8	36,454	36,454	691	19.5	30,666	30,666
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	29	4.6	6,754	6,770	227	6.6	48,765	49,933	157	4.4	33,385	34,154
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	2	0.3	3,952	3,952	10	0.3	17,805	17,805	4	0.1	4,593	5,483

Failures by Federal Reserve Districts by Divisions of Industry—May 1952

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

Districts	Mining & Manufacturing		Wholesale Trade		Retail Trade		Construction		Commercial Service		Total United States	
	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.
Boston.....(1).....	10	915	7	108	32	434	7	835	6	117	62	2,409
New York.....(2).....	48	4,528	16	419	107	1,497	9	423	13	157	193	7,024
Philadelphia.....(3).....	3	50	3	40	5	84	..	..	3	22	14	202
Cleveland.....(4).....	1	3	2	223	15	340	5	31	2	19	25	692
Richmond.....(5).....	5	2,714	3	138	10	329	2	24	3	68	23	1,273
Atlanta.....(6).....	3	313	1	3	20	350	4	39	4	208	34	979
Chicago.....(7).....	13	479	7	364	42	756	10	543	3	88	75	2,230
St. Louis.....(8).....	1	73	3	146	3	47	1	17	2	28	10	311
Minneapolis.....(9).....	3	87	..	..	4	48	1	15	1	5	9	155
Kansas City.....(10).....	..	..	2	106	6	86	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dallas.....(11).....	2	99	1	3	8	131	1	20	..	..	12	253
San Francisco.....(12).....	20	950	14	243	81	1,150	35	699	23	447	173	3,489
Total United States.....	111	10,217	59	1,847	333	5,264	75	2,646	60	1,219	638	21,193

Dun's Failure Index

(Apparent Annual Number of Failures per 10,000 Enterprises)

	Unadjusted Index							Adjusted Index ^(a)						
	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946
January.....	29.7	34.0	38.5	25.7	16.7	10.2	4.7	27.8	31.5	36.0	23.8	15.3	9.3	4.3
February.....	31.0	31.0	41.0	35.2	23.0	13.8	6.1	26.3	26.3	34.5	29.8	19.5	11.8	5.3
March.....	31.6	31.2	36.4	35.5	21.3	12.4	4.8	29.5	28.9	33.4	32.9	19.7	11.5	4.5
April.....	34.4	31.9	36.0	38.1	18.5	13.5	4.5	31.6	29.3	33.0	35.0	17.0	12.4	4.1
May.....	28.1	33.5	37.6	34.9	20.2	18.2	4.7	26.5	31.6	35.5	33.2	19.2	17.3	4.5
June.....	..	31.2	31.2	35.7	21.0	14.1	3.8	..	31.5	31.5	36.1	21.2	14.4	3.8
July.....	..	30.7	31.2	32.2	18.9	14.2	3.9	..	33.0	33.5	34.6	20.3	15.3	4.1
August.....	..	28.9	32.7	33.5	19.6	13.4	4.6	..	32.7	37.2	38.1	22.3	15.2	5.2
September.....	..	29.7	29.5	32.7	18.4	14.2	5.4	..	35.4	35.1	38.5	21.9	16.9	6.5
October.....	..	28.5	32.3	35.7	21.1	15.5	6.3	..	34.0	35.5	39.7	24.0	17.4	7.1
November.....	..	29.3	33.7	40.5	22.9	17.3	5.9	..	29.3	33.7	40.5	22.9	17.1	5.8
December.....	..	28.2	30.9	33.0	23.3	14.8	7.4	..	29.7	32.5	34.0	23.5	15.1	7.4
Mo. Average..	31.0	30.7	34.3	34.4	20.4	14.3	5.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Adjusted for seasonal variation.

TRADE ACTIVITY IN TWENTY-NINE REGIONS

CONSUMER SPENDING DIPS

While retail sales in the early part of June were below the level of 1951, consumer spending continued to be above that in the pre-Korea period in 1950.

Expenditures for household durables rose moderately with the suspension of credit controls by the Federal Reserve Board. New and used car sales rose, as is usual at this time of year.

Volume in apparel was lower than a year ago and a month ago. Cold weather in some areas throughout the month of May was thought to have discouraged an over-all rise in the buying of Summer apparel.

Food sales remained steady. The black market in potatoes virtually disappeared following the lifting OPS ceilings; heavier shipments were effected almost immediately.

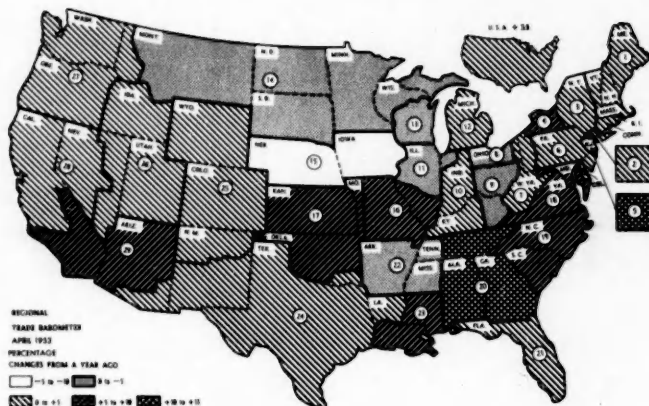
Total consumer spending in May declined 3 per cent according to the DUN'S REVIEW Regional Trade Barometer. The preliminary barometer at 331.1 was 1 per cent below May 1952.

Total retail sales in May, after allowance for seasonal variation, were estimated at \$13.0 billion. This was 2 per cent above April and 5 per cent above a year ago.

The final barometer for April 1952 was 342.4. This was 4 per cent above a year ago and a month ago. The most substantial increases over a year ago were registered by Northern New Jersey (5) up 15.0 per cent and Atlanta and Birmingham (20) up 12.7 per cent.

Largely as a result of flood conditions in that area, the barometer for Iowa and Nebraska (15) declined 9.0 per cent from a year ago.

Month-to-month changes ranged from an increase of 18.9 per cent in North and South Carolina (19) to a decline of 10.2 per cent in the Memphis region (22). The Texas region (24) had the highest barometer, 498.5; the Northern New Jersey region (5) had the lowest barometer 247.5.



REGIONAL TRADE BAROMETER COMPARISONS

Adjusted for Seasonal Variation
(1935-1939 = 100)

REGION	Apr. 1952	Change from Apr. 1951 %	Mar. 1952	Change from Mar. 1952 %	Comparison with U. S. %	Retail Sales 1948 %
United States	342.4	+ 3.6	328.5	+ 4.2	...	100.0
1. New England	253.5	+ 2.7	238.8	+ 6.2	-26.0	6.1
2. New York City	270.8	+ 1.2	256.1*	+ 5.7	-20.9	7.7
3. Albany, Utica and Syracuse	311.1	+ 4.2	320.8	- 3.0	- 9.1	2.2
4. Buffalo and Rochester	337.3	+ 5.3	307.8	+ 9.6	- 1.5	1.7
5. Northern New Jersey	247.5	+15.0	250.5	- 1.2	-27.7	2.6
6. Philadelphia	303.1	+ 1.7	298.7	+ 1.5	-11.5	5.8
7. Pittsburgh	319.2	+ 1.6	314.8	+ 1.4	- 6.8	3.6
8. Cleveland	333.5	- 1.8	355.6	- 6.2	- 2.6	2.8
9. Cincinnati and Columbus	339.1	- 0.2	353.5	- 4.1	- 1.0	3.0
10. Indianapolis and Louisville	385.2	+ 2.8	386.8	- 0.4	+12.5	2.9
11. Chicago	287.5	- 0.8	294.3	- 2.3	-16.0	6.6
12. Detroit	361.4	+ 1.6	374.9	- 3.6	+ 5.5	4.4
13. Milwaukee	347.5	- 1.8	358.4	- 3.0	+ 1.5	2.1
14. Minneapolis and St. Paul	301.4	- 0.6	313.6	- 3.9	-12.0	4.2
15. Iowa and Nebraska	314.8	- 9.0	320.2	- 1.7	- 8.1	3.0
16. St. Louis	310.2	+ 7.1	300.7	+ 3.2	- 9.4	2.6
17. Kansas City	379.5	+ 6.0	374.3*	+ 1.4	+10.8	3.4
18. Maryland and Virginia	345.6	+ 5.5	336.1	+ 2.8	+ 0.9	4.0
19. North and South Carolina	404.5	+ 7.6	340.2	+18.9	+18.1	2.6
20. Atlanta and Birmingham	479.7	+12.7	457.1	+ 4.9	+40.1	3.9
21. Florida	424.9	+ 4.0	387.1	+ 9.8	+24.1	1.8
22. Memphis	348.7	- 0.3	388.2*	-10.2	+ 1.8	1.7
23. New Orleans	419.9	+ 5.3	424.0	- 1.0	+22.6	1.5
24. Texas	498.5	+ 4.6	463.4	+ 7.6	+45.6	5.6
25. Denver	353.4	+ 1.7	328.1	+ 7.7	+ 3.2	1.4
26. Salt Lake City	363.8	+ 4.7	346.0	+ 5.1	+ 6.2	0.9
27. Portland and Seattle	362.6	+ 0.5	379.2	- 4.4	+ 5.9	3.0
28. San Francisco	327.4	+ 0.7	333.2	- 1.7	- 4.4	4.0
29. Los Angeles	352.9	+ 5.4	342.4	+ 3.1	+ 3.1	4.9

* Revised

TRADE ACTIVITY — A REGIONAL SUMMARY

Region 1

APRIL—Barometer 6% above March, 3% above year ago, 26% below U. S.
MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: Boston +2.6%, Springfield +1.0%, Providence -0.7%, New Haven -1.2%, Lowell-Lawrence -2.2%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Boston +3%, Bangor +1%, Hartford even, Worcester -2%, Providence -3%, New Haven -4%. Collections slower than year ago. Shoe orders heavy.

Region 2

APRIL—Barometer 6% above March, 1% above year ago, 21% below U. S.
MAY—New York City department store sales 10% below year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: down 5% in New York and Bridgeport. Bridgeport wholesale trade 4% below year ago. Collections slower than year ago. Above-average rainfall contributed to decline. Rise in appliances volume not as marked as elsewhere.

Region 3

APRIL—Barometer 3% below March, 4% above year ago, 9% below U. S.
MAY—Syracuse department store sales 3% below year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Albany even, Utica -3%, Syracuse -7%, Binghamton -12%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Albany -5%, Syracuse -6%, Binghamton -10%. Collections compared with year ago: steady in Syracuse and Utica, slower in Albany.

Region 4

APRIL—Barometer 10% above March, 5% above year ago, 2% below U. S.
MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: Buffalo +1%, Rochester -9%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Buffalo and Elmira unchanged, Rochester -2%. Collections slower than year ago. Transit strikes in Rochester and Jamestown. Prior to strike, Buffalo steel mills operated at 104.0% of capacity. Flour production 8% above 1951.

Region 5

APRIL—Barometer 1% below March, 15% above year ago, 28% below U. S.
MAY—Newark trade conditions compared with year ago: department store sales -5%, total retail trade -3%, wholesale trade -5%. Retail collections more prompt than year ago. Wholesale and manufacturers' collections slower than year ago. Unemployment in Newark area increased 19% over 1951. Defense orders rising.

The DUN'S REVIEW Regional Trade Barometers are designed to reflect changes in consumer purchases of commodities in the United States and 29 regions. A description of the barometer and back figures are available without charge.

The regional trade summaries are based upon data collected and weighed by the local DUN & BRADSTREET offices. Department store sales, reported by the Federal Reserve District Banks, are for the four weeks ended May 31, 1952.

Region 6

APRIL—Barometer 2% above March 1952 and April 1951, 12% below U. S.
MAY—Philadelphia department store sales 2% below year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Lancaster +6%, Harrisburg +5%, Scranton +2%, Wilmington +1%, York -2%, Allentown -3%, Wilkes-Barre -4%. Collections slower than 1951. Philadelphia steel mills operating at 100.7% of capacity. Trenton unemployment 32% above 1951.

Region 7

APRIL—Barometer 1% above March, 2% above year ago, 7% below U. S.
MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: Erie -1%, Pittsburgh -5%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Erie +1%, Youngstown -2%, Charleston -4%, Huntington -5%, Pittsburgh -8%, Wheeling -15%. Collections slower than a year ago. Steel mill rates of operating capacity: Pittsburgh 101.7%, Youngstown 101.3%.

Region 8

APRIL—Barometer 6% below March, 2% below year ago, 3% below U. S.
MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: Akron +7%, Cleveland and Toledo -4%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Canton even, Cleveland -2%, Akron -3%, Lima -5%, Toledo -7%. Collections steady with a year ago. Cleveland steel mills operated at 101.7% of capacity. Toledo strikes settled.

Region 9

APRIL—Barometer 4% below March, slightly below year ago, 1% below U. S.
MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: Columbus +6%, Cincinnati +3%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Columbus -3%, Cincinnati -8%. Collections slower than year ago. Extensive promotion of credit terms following suspension of credit controls by Federal Reserve Board. Defense production high.

Region 10

APRIL—Barometer slightly below Mar., 3% above 1951, 13% above U. S.
MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: Louisville +9%, Indianapolis +5%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Louisville +6%, Evansville +2%, Indianapolis -7%, Terre Haute -10%, Fort Wayne -12%. Collections steady with 1951. Production of liquor cut up to 50% as stocks continue to mount. Some mines closed.

Region 11

APRIL—Barometer 2% below March, 1% below year ago, 16% below U. S.
MAY—Chicago department store sales 3% below year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Springfield +6%, Peoria +1%, South Bend even, Rockford -2%, Chicago -3%. Collections more prompt than year ago in Rockford and Springfield; slower in Chicago and Peoria. Chicago steel mills operated at 104.5% of capacity.

Region 12

APRIL—Barometer 4% below March, 2% above year ago, 6% above U. S.
MAY—Detroit department store sales 1% below year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Detroit +8%, Saginaw +1%, Grand Rapids -18%. Wholesale trade compared with 1951. Saginaw -1%, Detroit -11%, Grand Rapids -26%. Collections steady with 1951. Detroit steel mills operating at 107.0% of capacity.

Region 13

APRIL—Barometer 3% below March, 2% below year ago, 2% above U. S.
MAY—Milwaukee department store sales 3% below year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Milwaukee -4%, Green Bay and Madison -5%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Milwaukee -1%, Green Bay -3%, Madison -5%. Collections compared with a year ago: Green Bay steady, Milwaukee and Madison slower.

Region 14

APRIL—Barometer 4% below March, 1% below year ago, 12% below U. S.
MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: Duluth-Superior +4%, St. Paul +2%, Minneapolis even. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: LaCrosse +5%, St. Paul +2%, Minneapolis +1%, Duluth -5%. Collections compared with a year ago: more prompt in Minneapolis, steady in Butte and Fargo, slower in other cities.

Region 15

APRIL—Barometer 2% below March, 9% below year ago, 8% below U. S.

MAY—Nebraska department store sales 3% above year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Cedar Rapids +4%, Davenport +2%, Sioux City -1%, Omaha -4%, Lincoln -5%, Des Moines -6%. Collections compared with a year ago: steady in Cedar Rapids, Des Moines and Sioux City, slower in Lincoln, Omaha and Waterloo.

Region 16

APRIL—Barometer 3% above March, 7% above year ago, 9% below U. S.

MAY—Trade conditions in St. Louis compared with year ago: department store sales +5%, total retail trade +4%, wholesale trade +2%. Retail and wholesale collections steady with year ago; manufacturing collections more prompt. Moderate decline in industrial activity from work stoppages. Shoe wholesalers report sales above 1951.

Region 17

APRIL—Barometer 1% above March, 6% above year ago, 11% above U. S.

MAY—Department store sales compared with a year ago: Tulsa +18%, Kansas City, Oklahoma City, and Wichita +10%, Topeka +1%, St. Joseph -5%. Collections compared with a year ago: steady in Oklahoma City and St. Joseph, slower in Tulsa and Wichita. Flour production in Kansas City and Wichita below 1951. Strikes in oil refineries.

Region 18

APRIL—Barometer 3% above March, 6% above year ago, 1% above U. S.

MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: Baltimore +5%, Washington -1%. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: Roanoke +14%, Norfolk +5%, Richmond +3%, Bristol +2%. Collections compared with year ago: steady in Bristol, Lynchburg, Norfolk, and Washington, slower in Baltimore and Richmond.

Region 19

APRIL—Barometer 19% above March, 8% above year ago, 18% above U. S.

MAY—Total retail trade compared with year ago: Columbia and Raleigh +1%, Greensboro -2%, Charlotte -3%, Asheville -5%, Winston-Salem -15%. Collections compared with a year ago: steady in Columbia, Greenville, Raleigh, and Winston-Salem, slower in Asheville and Charlotte. Improvement noted in textile industry.

Region 20

APRIL—Barometer 5% above March, 13% above year ago, 40% above U. S.

MAY—Department store sales compared with 1951: Augusta +40%, Atlanta +25%, Birmingham +11%, Nashville +5%. Retail trade compared with 1951: Montgomery +6%, Columbus -3%, Chattanooga and Knoxville -8%, Macon -10%. Collections compared with 1951: retail slower, wholesale steady to slow, manufacturing steady.

Region 21

APRIL—Barometer 10% above March, 4% above year ago, 24% above U. S.

MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: Jacksonville +19%, Miami +13%. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Tampa +9%, Jacksonville +3%, Miami -2%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Jacksonville +4%, Miami and Tampa -8%. Collections slower than year ago. Bumper tomato crop expected.

Region 22

APRIL—Barometer 10% below March, slightly below 1951, 2% above U. S.

MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: Little Rock +11%, Memphis +10%. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Memphis -3%, Little Rock -6%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Memphis -3%, Little Rock -3%. Collections slower than year ago. Transportation strike in Memphis hampered trade.

Region 23

APRIL—Barometer 1% below March, 5% above year ago, 23% above U. S.

MAY—New Orleans department store sales 16% above year ago. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: New Orleans +10%, Jackson -10%. Wholesale trade compared with a year ago: New Orleans +5%, Jackson -10%. Collections unchanged from a year ago in New Orleans and slower in Jackson. Plant planned by American Cyanamid Co.

Region 24

APRIL—Barometer 8% above March, 5% above year ago, 46% above U. S.

MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: San Antonio +21%, Houston +20%, Fort Worth +12%, Dallas and El Paso +7%. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: Fort Worth +16%, Wichita Falls +5%, Shreveport -4%, Waco -5%, Austin -8%. Retailers' and wholesalers' collections slower than year ago; manufacturers' unchanged.

Region 25

APRIL—Barometer 8% above March, 2% above year ago, 3% above U. S.

MAY—Denver department store sales 1% above year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Denver +15%, Albuquerque -5%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Denver +10%, Albuquerque -5%. Collections compared with year ago: Denver unchanged, Albuquerque slower. Record Winter wheat harvest expected.

Region 26

APRIL—Barometer 5% above March and year ago, 6% above U. S.

MAY—Trade conditions in Salt Lake City compared with year ago: department store sales -1%, total retail trade +3%, wholesale trade -2%. All collections slower than year ago. Retailers' and wholesalers' collections more prompt than month ago, manufacturers' unchanged. Miners' work week shortened by two hours.

Region 27

APRIL—Barometer 4% below March, 1% above year ago, 6% above U. S.

MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: Spokane +6%, Seattle +5%, Portland +3%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Spokane -2%, Tacoma -3%, Portland -12%. Collections compared with year ago: Portland more prompt, Spokane and Tacoma, unchanged, Seattle slower. Seattle adversely affected by strikes.

Region 28

APRIL—Barometer 2% below March, 1% above year ago, 4% below U. S.

MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: San Francisco +4%, Oakland +3%. Total retail trade compared with year ago: San Francisco +3%, Fresno -8%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Fresno even, San Francisco -12%. Collections slower than year ago with exception of San Francisco retailers. Maritime strike.

Region 29

APRIL—Barometer 3% above March, 5% above year ago, 3% above U. S.

MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: San Diego +27%, Los Angeles +22%. Retail trade compared with year ago: Los Angeles +9%, San Diego +6%, Phoenix -5%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Los Angeles +7%, Phoenix -5%. Collections compared with year ago: Los Angeles and San Diego steady, Phoenix slower.